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| FOR: | MONOFILAMENT SUTURE AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF | |
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| EXAMINER: | Christina Danielle Gettman | |
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the office action mailed March, 2, 2007, please enter this amendment and reconsider this application in view of the remarks provided below. A petition for a two-month extension of time under 35 U.S.C. § 1.136(a)(1) and the fee of \$450.00 therefore under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(2) are enclosed herewith.

STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

Applicants' representative conducted a telephone interview with Examiner Christina Gettman on June 26, 2007. During the interview the Office Action and the Liu references were discussed. Applicants' representative noted that Liu does not teach a core/shell structure where the core has a lower Young's Modulus than the shell. Applicants' representative also noted that, although similar polymers are described in laundry lists in Liu, there is no teaching or suggestion that they be assembled together as required by the claims of the present application.